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## Seniors Begin Graduation Rites Sunday

Baccalaureate to Take Place Sunday, Commencement May 27

Vernonia high school graduation festivities get underway on Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. with the baccalaureate services which will be held at the Evangelical United Brethren church with the Reverend Don Darling from the Vernonia Bible Church as the speaker. Music will be furnished by the high school chorus.

Graduation exercises will be held in the high school auditorium on Thursday evening, May 27 at 8:00 p.m. June Cunningham and Bill Braun will be honor speakers chosen from the top five students in the graduating class, and Dr. Erret Hummel from Portland State college will give the commencement address.

## Four Teachers Resign Posts

Grade school teachers who are leaving Vernonia this year include Miss Reva Jo Hughes who has taught arts and crafts and second grade here for the past eight years and is now leaving to be married.

Mrs. Ethel Williams, first grade teacher at Lincoln school also is leaving to finish requirements for certification; Miss Lorna Johannaber, arts and crafts teacher will transfer to the McMinnville public schools after only one year here and Miss Marilyn Sannerud, physical education teacher, will be married and plans to live in Seattle.

## Four Youngsters Win in Tourney

Four Washington grade school boys will go to Portland Saturday where they will participate in the state marble tourney at Jantzen beach after winning in the VFW marble tournament here. The local tournament is an annual affair sponsored by the veterans and the state affair is sponsored each year by the Oregonian.

First and second place Class A winners (6-12 years) are Mike Mullins and Gary Justice and Class B winners (13-15) are Donald Savage and Larry Akers.

## Boys Tour Tree Farm

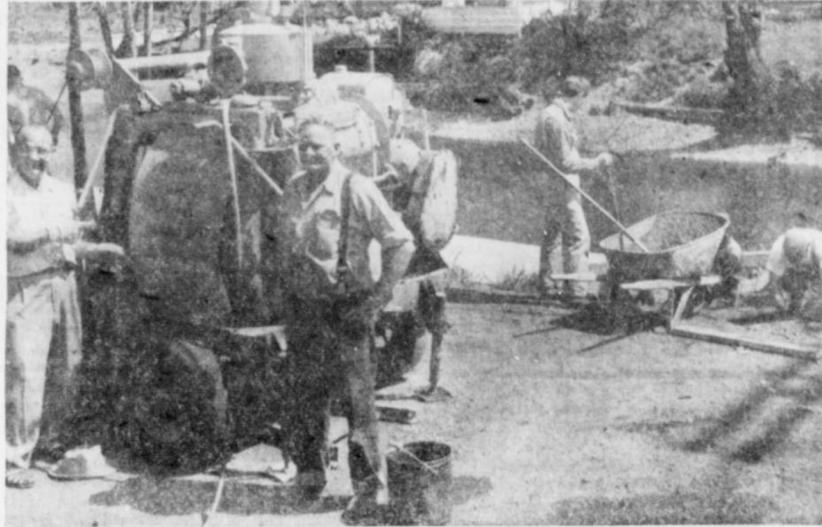
Fifty-two boys from the forestry department at University of Washington in Seattle were in Vernonia Wednesday morning to tour the Crown tree farm. The group is traveling by chartered Greyhound bus and are making a 700 mile-forestry field trip.

## Pioneer Valley Resident Taken by Death Monday

Services are being conducted this afternoon, Thursday, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bush Funeral Home chapel for Lou Anna Rogers who passed away Monday evening after an extended illness.

Lou Anna Caroline Franklin was born September 5, 1864 at Sullivan's Bend, Tennessee. On October 26, 1884 she was married to Ralph Rogers. In 1887 they left Tennessee and came west, spending one year in Denver and another in Seattle. In December of 1889 they came to the Nehalem valley and took up a homestead on Pebble Creek, a part of which is now known as Rogers Park.

They lived there until 1907 and Mrs. Rogers worked with her husband clearing land and making a farm from the wilderness; as well as caring for her six children, and still finding time for many neighborly acts which endeared her to all who lived near. In 1907 they moved to the property which is now the Ver-



ANOTHER Lions club project, the providing of steps at the city park swimming pool, was carried out Sunday morning when Art Ostrander, center fore round, donated the use of his cement mixer for the pouring of the concrete. Guy Thomas stand at the left of the machine. The steps will provide easy walking from the street level to the pool beach. A concrete pillar which will hold a Lions club plaque remains to be poured and a guard rail will be provided later also. The Long-Bell Lumber company provided lumber for the work at no charge.

## THOSE WHO ARE IN IT

Pfc. Max Buckner and Pfc. Bobby Fulton are spending a 21-day leave at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Buckner and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fulton. They will go to Camp Pendleton, California when they leave here, where they will be stationed for four months after which they will be sent to Japan.

Pvt. E-2 Henry Pearson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pearson of

## Band Prepares Annual Concert

Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. the Vernonia high school band will present its annual spring concert in the high school auditorium under the direction of band leader, Bill Johnson. In addition to the band numbers, the girls sextette will sing several selections and the band letters will be awarded during the evening.

Numbers to be presented by the band will include The Thunderer, Ballet Egyptian, Huldingsmarsch, Four Episodes, Prelude in C Minor, Salutation, Great Gates, Dance of the Apprentices, Minstrel Parade, Deep River, Symphony No. 5, May Overture, Pacific Grandeur, Laureate Overture, Song of Jupiter and Ode to Music.

The public is invited to enjoy this concert free of charge.

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Mrs. Rogers was lovingly known by the name of Grandma Rogers by everyone throughout the community. This was partly due to the fact that for many years she worked as a practical nurse, and for a number of years conducted a maternity home on North street where many Vernonia babies were born. All of these she always spoke of as her babies.

Of her six children, only two remain, a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Sly of North Bend, Oregon, and a son, Lee of Vernonia. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

Two nephews, Leo and Louis Violette, also reside in Vernonia. Burial will be in the Pioneer cemetery on Rock Creek road.

## Defense Director Explains Plan

Vilas Shephard, Clatskanie, civil defense director for Columbia county, met with city councilmen Monday evening to explain the need for appointment of a community director for this area and outline the defense set-up for this county. His appearance here was at the second May meeting of the council.

Named to take the post as director for Vernonia was Bill Horn. His work will be the coordination of the community's part in the defense program of the county.

City councilmen adopted a resolution which provides for a 10-minute parking limit in front of the post office and ordered purchase of a sign which will be installed there to designate the limit.

Albert Tandy asked the council what could be done to provide street access to his property, which is located near the north end of State street. The present road being used as access to his property now is under dispute.

## Budget for City Prepared Mon.

Budget figures to provide financing for the city of Vernonia during the fiscal year from July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955 were prepared Monday evening when the budget committee met at the city hall. The cost sheet for the coming year calls for a tax levy of \$11,822.13 which is within the six per cent limit and will not make necessary a special election to adopt the proposed list of expenditures.

Included in the new budget are salary increases for city employees as well as provision for funds to be applied to sinking funds in both the water department and sewer department. The total of the amounts placed in these two funds, both of which can be used for sewer cost payments, is \$10,000.

Salary increases were based by the budget committee on a raise of five per cent for the recorder, policemen, water superintendent, utilities superintendent, treasurer and librarian.

Acting budget committee were: A. L. Kullander, Ed Salomonson, O. T. Bateman, Loel Roberts and Bill Horn.

## Snow Falls in April

The report from the cooperative weather observer, Mrs. Helen Spofford, reveals that the month of April was quite cold, with an inch of snow being measured early in the month. The minimum temperature of 26 degrees was recorded on April 11, and the maximum of 73 degrees on April 16. Total precipitation for the month was 5.44 inches.

## Historical Society Meets

Wm. C. Wood and Vilas Shephard of Clatskanie are the committee on arrangements and program for the meeting of the Columbia County Historical Society which will meet next Tuesday, May 25 at the Methodist church in Clatskanie. A pot-luck dinner will be served at noon which will be followed by the regular session.

## Lions Back Clean-up

A clean-up program for Vernonia, including the Riverview area, was decided upon Monday evening by the Lion club after that organization had been asked to undertake the project by Ben Rinehart, county sanitarian.

He has been promoting clean-up programs in all communities in the county and in many places the project has already been completed. Cleve Robertson was appointed chairman of the Lions committee which will arrange for picking up waste material Friday of next week. That day, Friday, May 28, was set when trucks will tour the city and Riverview to collect such material.

Residents are asked to collect all waste material during the early part of next week and place it in containers at the curbing where it can easily be loaded into trucks that will be provided for hauling.

## Town Club to Meet Longview

Baseball fans will see a double-header for which the town team will meet Longview here Sunday afternoon at 1:30 to open this year's schedule of games. Information on the schedule for the early part of the season was given earlier this week by Charles Johnson. The Vernonia team is entered in the Oregon-Washington league.

Rainier will play at Castle Rock also Sunday and Kalama draws a bye for this date. One more team is expected to enter the league, but not until after June 6, he said. All games here will be played on the high school field.

Vernonia will meet Rainier there Sunday, May 30 and will go to Castle Rock Sunday, June 6.

## Cub Practice Set For Saturday

The Cub team of the boys' baseball will practice at 9:00 a.m., Saturday. The Pigmies and Pee Wees will practice sometime next week.

Due to so many boys turning out it will probably be necessary to have a first and second Pee Wee team.

All boys who play will be required to pay \$1.25 for insurance coverage. This can be paid to Bill Horn at the bank or at the union hall, not later than June 1 so that the insurance will be in effect by that date.

Efforts are being made to schedule some practice games before regular play begins.

## Memorial Observance Due

At the meeting of the American Legion held last Monday night plans were made for the observance of Memorial Day. Complete details for the program will be released next week.

## Full Day Arranged for 4-H Community Affair

A full day of activities is in store for 4-H club members at the seventh annual Nehalem Valley 4-H Community day to be held at the American Legion hall, Vernonia, on Saturday, May 22.

Club members will compete for ribbons and trophies. Ribbons have been donated by Nichols Variety Store and Miller's. The Commercial Bank of Oregon, Vernonia branch, will award a cup to the highest scoring club member in an electricity or health project.

Henry Anderregg will award a cup to the home economics club member with the highest score, and the Vernonia Trading Company will present a show halter to the highest scoring livestock club member. The halter is in place of a cup as previously announced.

All exhibits are to be in place ready for judging at 9:30. The

## Ballot Issue Decisions Due Friday

Candidates, Measures To Provide Choice at Primary Election

Balloting for the May 21 primary election Friday will bring before voters the need to decide candidates for nomination as well as decisions on ballot measures. Republican voters in the county's 32 precincts will decide three contests for candidates.

For three of the Vernonia precincts, number 1, 2 and 4 which include parts of the city, voters will be asked to determine whether an \$85,000 bond issue shall be levied by adopting or refusing a proposed city charter amendment. Only those voters residing within the city and registered for city elections will be called upon to make this decision.

Three men seek the Republican county commissioner nomination, being Owen P. Keller, Elmer Loyd and M. L. Gregory. Other Republican contests include: H. E. Barker and Eugene Allen, commissioner of the bureau of labor, and Governor Paul Patterson and Earl T. Newberry, candidates for governor. Democratic voters will have no contest upon which to decide.

Polling places for the four Vernonia precincts are: No. 1, Sundland Electric; No. 2, IWA union hall; No. 3, Washington grade school and No. 4, city hall. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Bloodmobile to Be Here Monday

The Bloodmobile will visit Vernonia next Monday, May 24, and will be stationed at the IOOF hall from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. In addition to those who have previously been eligible to donate blood, word just received states that persons having had jaundice will now be accepted if the attack was more than two years ago.

The Bloodmobile visit is being sponsored by the local Masonic lodge with Harry Culbertson acting as chairman.

## Handicap Play Ends

Spring handicap playoffs which were held at the Vernonia golf course last Sunday ended with Ben George winning first prize and Tom Corrigan second prize. Low gross score was held by Tom Bateman and Sid Sorenson had the longest drive of 275 yards. Honors for closest to the pin on number 4 were claimed by Ben Brickie with 18 inches.

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